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#### AMENDMENT

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#### RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

#### Dear Commissioner:

This amendment and election is in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, for which the one-month date for reply is October 25, 2003. This reply is being submitted within the one-month deadline.

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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims 29-40 and 47-61, which the office action categorizes as Invention I ("Claims 29-40 and 47-61, drawn to device and method for evaluating currency"). In addition our records indicate that claim 1 of this application is also still pending, but was not listed as pending in the Office Action Summary. Claim 1 is presently cancelled in this response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.